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## Bank.

### THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Act 1869, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS: UNION BANK OF LONDON, LD. BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice	3% per annum.
" 6 " "	" 4 " "
" 12 " "	" 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION FORWARDED.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager. Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000  
RESERVE FOR DIVIDENDS, \$400,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP., \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS: Chairman—HON. F. D. SASSON. Deputy Chairman—A. MAYER, Esq. C. D. BOTTOMEY, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER: THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager: EDWIN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED. On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

For Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

## NOTICE.

### RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
- 3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,000 in any one year.
- 4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
- 5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.
- 6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more may transfer their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Ports by means of clean Hongkong Postage Stamps of any value.
- 8.—Interest at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 10.—Bills containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.
- 12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

NOTION DUCKS, HEMP OANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, COOK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1884. 266

## Intimations.

### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 369

### LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Half-past Twelve o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 361

### HONGKONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC SPORTS.

(Held under the Laws of the Amateur Athletic Association.)

THESE SPORTS will take place on SATURDAY, the 21st March instant, commencing at 2 p.m.

ALL EVENTS except Boys' Race and Soldiers' Race will be OPEN to GENTLEMEN AMATEURS being Members and Visitors of The Hongkong Club and The Club Germania, Commissioned Naval and Military Officers, and being Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club and Victoria Recreation Club.

ENTRIES CLOSE on SATURDAY Next, the 14th Instant.

Forms of Entry containing List of Events can be obtained from the HON. SECRETARY, and at the HONGKONG CLUB, THE CLUB GERMANIA and THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ERNEST R. WOOD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 426

## AMOI DISTRICT.

### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 20.

### QUEMOY SPIT BUOY RE-PLACED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a New Red COASTAL BUOY, six feet in diameter, surmounted by a Black Spherical Cage, has been placed immediately off the end of the Quemoi Spit.

Quemoi Pass bears from the Buoy N. 75° 15' E., and Taitan Lighthouse N. 75° 56' W.

The Shoal Patch which is shown on Admiralty Chart No. 1767 as forming, and on the Southern Edge of which the Buoy was formerly placed, bears from the Buoy in its present position S. 45° E., distant a little over one mile.

300 Masters of Vessels are warned not to pass between this Buoy and Quemoi Island.

H. J. MEADE, Harbour Master. Approved: J. McLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs. Amoy, 3rd March, 1885. 418

## NOTICE.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to furnish to the Liquidators of the Bank a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, By its Attorneys, J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR. Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1385

## For Sale.

### NEW GOODS.

#### TEA TASTERS—POTS and CUPS.

Single and Double TIME GLASSES.

TEA TASTERS—SCALES.

#### SHOWER BATHS and PLUNGE BATHS.

New DECORATED TIN WASHSTANDS.

PARROT CAGES.

#### Patent LAWN MOWERS.

MORDIAN'S COPYING PRESSES.

WIND-PROOF LANTERNS.

#### Maw's Patent BEEF-TEA MACHINES.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 432

### ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

#### HATS.

A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

#### CLOTHING.

Tweeds. Coatings. Trouserings. Serges. Flannels.

#### SHIRTS.

Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home manufacture.

#### HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS.

BOOTS and SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

### W. POWELL & Co.

ARE REMOVING TO THE

### VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

ON

1st April,

ENTRANCE FROM

QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 433

#### Intimations.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, at the rate of (\$2) Two POUNDS Sterling per SHARE of \$125, IS PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 23, 1885. 348

### VICTORIA HOTEL.

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The Rooms are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall.

The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.

The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken. Messrs. DORABJEE and HING REE, Proprietors. Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of Business Contributed during the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, on or before the 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary. Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 321

#### Intimations.

### THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1885, at Eleven o'clock a.m., to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 409

### NOTICE.

### INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

(LATE NATIONAL HOTEL) QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE above HOTEL is NOW OPEN under New Management. Excellent Accommodation for BOARDERS, BILLIARDS, WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Quality only kept.

D. S. HEAVESMAN, Proprietor. Hongkong, March 6, 1885. 396

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to permit the Underwritten with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1884, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st DAY OF MARCH INSTANT will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 363

### NOTICE.

### THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S.S. Co.

having taken over the NAGASAKI DOCK, SLIP, and ENGINEERING WORKS, are now prepared to DOCK and REPAIR VESSELS, at moderate terms.

THE DOCK is one of the largest and best in the East, being 431 feet long and 89 feet broad, and having a depth of water on blocks at spring tides of 27 feet and nearly 22 feet.

THE SHOPS contain Machine-tools of all descriptions and compound Engines up to 1,000 horse-power. The heaviest class of work can be undertaken at the shortest notice.

Powerful lifting SHEDS are being erected.

For further Particulars, apply to H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent. Hongkong, December 18, 1884. 2135

## Entertainment.

### HONGKONG MUSICAL CLUB.

A CONCERT will be given in the Theatre at the CITY HALL, by the

MEMBERS of the above CLUB, on

SATURDAY, the 28th March, 1885.

Full Particulars will be duly announced. Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 408

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### CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN OF 1884.

LOAN A.

THE INTEREST due 15th day of March instant, on the above LOAN, together with BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of the CORPORATION on and after that date.

List Drawn Bonds may be had on application.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents Issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 426

### SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the 5th day of February, 1885, under 'The Indian Companies Act, 1866,' whereby the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amount not paid up on their shares.

CAPITAL, TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN 20,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH; PAYABLE \$5 PER SHARE ON APPLICATION AND \$15 OF ALLOTMENT.

Further calls not to exceed \$20 per share not to be made payable at less intervals than three months.

Provisional Directors: THOMAS SCOTT, Esq. (Messrs. GUTHRIE & Co.), Singapore. THOMAS CUTHBERTSON, Esq. (Messrs. BOUTREAU & Co.), Singapore. TH. SPHIST, Esq. (Messrs. POTTER & Co.), Singapore. HON. A. CURRIE, (THE BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED), Singapore. T. S. THOMSON, Esq. (Messrs. W. R. SCOTT & Co.), Singapore. T. C. BOGAARDT, Esq. (Messrs. W. MANSFIELD & Co.), Singapore. W. DOUGAL, Esq. (Manager, CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA), Singapore. J. BURKINSHAW, Esq. (Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW), Singapore. G. EDGAR, Esq. (Messrs. EDGAR & Co.), Singapore. ONG KEE HO, Esq. (Messrs. KEE HO & Co.), Singapore. WEE BOON TECK, Esq. (Messrs. WEE BOON & Co.), Singapore. QUAH BENG HONG, Esq. (Messrs. BUN HIN & Co.), Singapore. JNO. F. CRAIG, Esq. (Messrs. SYME & Co.), Singapore.

Legal Advisers: Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.

Temporary Offices: SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILDING.

Secretary (Pro Tem.) ALEXANDER GENTLE, Esq.

THIS Company is formed for the purpose of taking Fire Insurance risks in the Straits Settlements and elsewhere; with a special view to meet local wants and to avail itself of local information and experience.

Applications for shares may be sent accompanied with a deposit of \$5 for each share applied for to any of the Branches or Agencies of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or to The New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

Applications from the Straits Settlements, Malay States, Netherlands India, Sumatra, Siam, Saigon and Borneo must reach Singapore on or before 15th March next; from Japan, China, Philippines, Borneo and India, on or before 7th April next, and from Europe, Australia or elsewhere, on or before 15th May next.

To applicants to whom no allotment of shares is made, the deposit will be returned in full: and in case of application by any applicant for more shares than are allotted to him, the extra deposits will be applied in payment of the amounts due on the allotment of his shares.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for shares can be obtained on application to any of the above mentioned Banks, to the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary (pro tem.) of the Company.

Singapore, 6th February, 1885. 333

### D. K. GRIFFITH & Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE LONDON PATENT WATER.

Have Removed from the BEAUFIELD ARCADE to Larger Premises 1, DUDDELL STREET.

Where they continue to Supply: SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERBREAD, SALTZEE, RAISINWINE, &c., &c., &c. At the same Moderate Charges.

D. K. GRIFFITH, Proprietor. Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1246

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 14th March, 1885, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,

AN ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE, &c., &c., comprising—

KAMA, EMERY, KOTO, TOKIO and SAKUMA VASSES, JARS, BOWLS, PLATES, INCENSE BURNERS, TEA and COFFEE SETS, ENAMELLED WARE, GOLD and SILVER INLAID BOWLS, EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERED SCREENS, NICHOKI, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 442

### PUBLIC AUCTION

OF ENGLISH AND INDIAN-MADE FURNITURE, &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to Sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of Mr. J. McCALLUM, No. 1, Westbourne Villas, Bonham Road, on

WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 2 o'clock p.m., THE WHOLE OF HIS FURNITURE, comprising—

CARVED BOHMIA BLACKWOOD CHAIRS and COUCHES, CHESTON-COVERED WALNUT CHAIRS, MAROQUIN TABLES, OVERMANTLES, LACE CURTAINS, BRUSSELS CARPETS, BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES, MAROQUIN SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, DINING TABLE, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, WHATNOTS, BLACK WALNUT WARDROBE with MIRROR FRONT, MARBLED TOP DRESSING TABLE and WASHSTAND, 1800 BENTLEY with SPRING MATTRESS, CHILDREN'S IRON BEDSTEADS, &c., &c., &c.

Also, A FINE COLLECTION OF OIL PAINTINGS, WATER-COLORS, AND OLD JAPANESE WARE. JINRIKESHA, LADY'S CHAIR, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS.—As usual. Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture on view the day previous to the Sale. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers. Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 429

## Shipping.

### Steamers.

### DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW (SHARP PEAK).

The Co.'s Steamship Fokien, Capt. Geo. Westoby, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 14th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 428

### THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship Zofra, Captain TALBOT, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 16th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 437

### STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.







On the 6th instant, the ironclad *Triomphant* and the *Dauphin* were seen steering north; presumably they will engage in the blockade of the Gulf of Pootung. It is stated that Admiral Courbet's determination not to go North until he has disabled the Ningpo river, and that he is now preparing a determined attack on the forts at Chinal and the ships there.

The Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Courier*, writing on the 20th February, says—

The financial operations of the Empire have, it appears, been conducted from Tientsin, but one of the loans contracted by the Chinese by Mr. John Pender, the director of the Eastern Telegraph Company, although having been sanctioned by Imperial decree, has come to grief, probably owing to the inability of the director of the Eastern Extension Company to find the money, 500,000 pounds, at the interest contracted for. Since the arrival of the year's gift by the French Government, the Emperor has been current that Prince Kung has been called upon to take again the direction of the Tsung-li Yamen.

On the 9th instant, John Bingham McFarlane, engineer, was tried at the Supreme Court at Shanghai on a charge of having committed manslaughter. Deceased was the adopted son of the accused. There was no evidence given to show that McFarlane actually fired the pistol. His statement to the jury was as follows:—He said that the pistol which Billy was shot was an ordinary revolver and had been in his (prisoner's) possession for some years; it was generally kept locked up in a drawer; but some time before the accident, owing to there having been some disturbances at night, he had taken the pistol out to examine it, and he had found three of the chambers. The child's mother had, in putting the pistol back in the drawer, unfortunately omitted to lock it. On the day on which the accident occurred he was changing his clothes when he noticed the boy Billy with his hand in the drawer, knowing the child was after the pistol, he came up to him and took the pistol from him, and was in performing this act that the pistol went off. Prisoner then went on to say how much grieved he was at the accident, and to point out that he had a great interest in the child and had in fact supported and educated him for years. The jury found the prisoner not guilty.

That the Straits Government are apparently rigidly enforcing the instructions regarding the treatment of belligerent vessels sent out by the home Government recently, the following extract from the *Straits Times* will show—

The French cruiser *Primauguet* returned yesterday from Tonquin and began coaling at the Bureau Company's wharf, and had some 84 tons put on board when the order came from the Government to leave the wharf. We understand an order was issued by Government that no coal was to be supplied to the same French man-of-war or transport proceeding to Tonquin till a period of three months had elapsed. As the *Primauguet* only left Singapore on the 18th February and returned yesterday, she came clearly under the order. No blame, we hear, is attached to the employees of the Bureau Company's wharf, who knew nothing of such order, which was given to the Master-attendant, and who should have communicated at once to the managers of the different coaling wharves instead of pigeon-holing the order.

We yesterday noted the fact that the coaling of the French cruiser *Primauguet* had been temporarily stopped left the Master-attendant to the case of the wharf and proceeded outside at once to limit, anchoring some five miles out. Later it was discovered that some tugs were alongside discharging coal into her, and the Marine authorities last night kept watch for the tugs, arresting the boatsmen belonging to the tugs, and at about midnight, a third boat's crew was arrested this morning by Capt. Huddle, the Harbour Master. These men have the names of the firm by whom they were employed and said that they took the coal on board at the Bureau Company's wharf. The authorities, we understand, are considering the question of proceeding against the firm.

#### The Inevitable War Snore.

The *Sifu* Pao of the 25th February publishes four out of twelve new regulations designed to increase the revenue and economy the cost of collection. Owing to the pressing need for measures of defence and the deficiency of funds for war expenses, Her Majesty the Empress Dowager during an audience commanded the Prince of Chun, in concert with the Tsungli Yamen and the Board of Revenue, to devise means of filling the exchequer. Twelve regulations were submitted to the Throne and received the Imperial sanction. The various High Provincial Authorities have been written to by express to give the new system an honest trial and after six months report the result to Peking. Sloth, negligence, prejudicial obstruction, will be denounced by the Board of Revenue.

Two of the new regulations, which concern foreign trade, are translated below. (3) A tax is to be levied at the tea-producing districts. The Tsungli Yamen's report shows that during 1882-3 the export of tea was as much as 100 millions of chests odd. In the reign of Tso Kwang (1821-61) the duty levied by England on tea is estimated at 100 millions per picul, while our export duty amounted to only 25 per cent, or one-tenth. It is now proposed to adopt measures to reform the tax on tea. Two methods are practicable. (1) The Kanau system of official shops may be followed, every 5 lbs. paying 5 mace. As the tax is paid by the growers, it may be easily increased without giving foreigners any ground to interfere. (2) The system of tea monopolies prevalent in Ningchow and other localities may be adopted, under which each lot pays 3 mace 9. In this case the tea-producing districts would be established to examine the tea and issue tea-passes, distributed by the Board of Revenue. Each pass for 100 catties will pay 15 mace 9, and every customs barrier in the interior through which the tea is carried will levy in addition 10 mace and duty, and

after the pass is vised and stamped, let the trader go, so as to provide against the use of old passes and other trickery. All passes shall be annually applied for before dawn on the Board and shall be valid for one year only. This mode of collection will do no harm at all to foreign traders. Another improvement would be to remit all the inland charges heretofore made if double duty—i.e. 75 mace—were paid on receiving the pass. But all duties leviable by the Foreign Customs at the ports and duties would still be payable under former rules. If the tea were for consumption inland, it would not pay duty or 10 mace again, whatever province or place it was taken to for sale, and so, like being changed into tax and many small payments being combined, examination would be facilitated, and, perhaps, avoiding evasion. But the various provincial authorities must be instructed to deliberate and report on what search regulations seem to them necessary to prevent smuggling and evasion of duties by the growers and traders.

(4) The system of farming out the opium duty is to be more widely adopted. When the coast defence of Canton was being provided for in 1874, the Provincial Treasurer invited the trader Huang Ching-yuan to farm the whole opium duties of the province. He did so for five years, with a yearly increment of 200,000. In 1881 the Viceroy of the Two Kwang was authorized by His Majesty to hand over the farming of the opium duties, for another five years, to the same trader, at a new rate, Li Yu-lung, at an annual rent of 900,000. If all the provinces were able to follow the Canton system of inviting traders to farm the revenue, at rents of say 1,000,000 in the case of coast provinces, and several hundred thousand in the case of inland provinces, several millions of taels might be obtained. But as the characters of provinces differ, some perhaps could not adopt the system and would have to devise some other scheme.

The agreement of November 8, 1858, respecting Rules of Trade, etc., following on the Tientsin Treaty, lays down that the importer will sell opium only at the port. It will be carried into the interior by Chinese only and only as Chinese property; the foreign trader will not be allowed to accompany it. The transit does not to be arranged as the Chinese Government see fit. Therefore, by treaty, foreigners have nothing to say to the use of opium, leaving duty on opium taken into the interior. It is now proposed that to Chinese dealers in opium, whether foreign or native drug, shall be issued Board of Revenue licences, and that they shall contribute, according to the licences held by them, to the war expenses. The licence will be either transport or stationary. In the former kind should be inserted the name, surname, and place of origin of the trader. Such licences, each of which will be valid for one year, shall be applied for, and on each entry shall be paid two mace. The licences will be valid at each customs barrier, and like and duty paid besides. Each barrier shall enter on each licence the date at which the trader passed and seal and stamp the licence as proof thereof so as to prevent the use of old licences and other trickery. Goods unprovided with a licence shall be confiscated and the trader shall incur punishment. On the stationary shopkeeper's licences shall be given the owner's name and surname, the sign and locality of the shop. All shops, whatever the nature of their capacity, shall annually contribute 2 mace 24. The licences shall be renewed once a year. No shop shall be permitted to be opened without a licence, and unlicensed dealers shall be punished. On account of the difficulties in the way of examining foreign opium after it has left the port and been scattered abroad through the country, and the need of some method to prevent the smuggling and illegal sale of opium, the various provinces must report on the regulations laid down by the Board of Revenue, and the system adopted. Foreign opium that has not left the port will be dealt with under treaty and is not included in the present rule.

The real meaning of the above regulations seems to be that tea-growers are to be subjected to an additional tax, which will be of course checked and raised the prices which foreigners have to pay; while opium dealers, having to pay higher duties after purchase will not be able to afford the former rates of selling opium. In short, the tea-trade and the opium-trade are to suffer. We advise those interested in these trades to look to it.

#### Foochow.

9th March, 1895.

It is commonly reported that the *lekin* on tea is either to be raised to 35, or to be increased by that amount. The total *lekin* at present is said to be about 25. 25, i.e., equal to the export duty. Merchants are naturally greatly disturbed by this rumour and indignantly denounce the proposed step as unjust, and contrary to treaty. I fear, however, that the *lekin* being levied in the interior from Chinese on Chinese merchandise, the Chinese Government can raise it as they like without interference on the part of foreign powers. Meanwhile the announcement of the French that tea is to be considered contraband of war has sent up the price, and what will happen here, should no supplies come in during the next few months, is not difficult to meet unpleasant to foresee. Of course a certain amount will come forward overland from Chekiang; but the transport is very expensive, and there are some thousands of soldiers to feed besides the ordinary population. It is to be hoped that the protest said to have been made by England may have some effect.

The Pagoda claims—as reduced by the Commission—are to be paid by the Chinese. I do not hear that any compensation for the six months' delay in settling an evidently just demand is included in the amounts.

The *Fuk-poh* having been patched up will, it is reported, take up a position in Round Island Passage, which is not too soon, to be blocked. I expect the French will be tempted to send a torpedo-boat to destroy the survivor of the 23rd August, as she will be visible from Matsun, and the passage is deep enough for a launch or even a small gunboat at high water.

In a month or two we shall have the usual frosts. I wonder what will become

of the Chinese torpedoes, if they are not lifted before then. Lifting torpedoes is rather tedious work, and I doubt the likelihood of the native officers attempting it. They will probably prefer losing the torpedoes to losing their lives. It will be somewhat lively for the vessels at the Sharp Peak Anchorage, when a shoal of contact torpedoes breaks loose from its moorings.

We enjoyed a spell of fine warm weather last week, which tempted the cricketers to play a match on Friday. The effects of want of practice were evident, as scores were very small, so that, though play did not begin before noon, the four innings were over by half-past five.

Training for the Spring Races began a fortnight ago. There are a good many ponies, but jockeys are few. I am glad to be able to report that Mr. Miller, whose leg was broken last December, is now well on the road to recovery, though it is hardly possible that he should ride this meeting.

#### CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the Shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at the annual general meeting, to be held at the Office of the General Agents, at 12 o'clock noon, on Wednesday, the 18th March, 1895—

The General Agents beg to submit to the Shareholders their Report on the Working of the Refineries and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1894. The estimated profits during the first half of the year under review enabled the General Agents and the Company's Committee to declare an interim dividend of July last of 24 per cent, and it was anticipated that the realization of the unpaid book then on hand, and the working of the remaining portion of the year, would admit of a further dividend being declared at the end of the twelve months were worked up. The disastrous and unprecedented fall, however, which occurred in Sugar prevented the realization of these expectations, and the losses have been further aggravated by the keen competition to which the sale of the Company's products has been subjected in our local and neighbouring markets.

The Dividend paid on 4th August, 1894, amounted to \$36,000.00. The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account now stands at 13,274.03 which sum the General Agents and Consulting Committee have recommended to be carried forward to next year. It is observed that a provision of \$12,000.38 has been made to meet an expected deficit on the cost of outstanding shipments. The low prices that have ruled in the market for sugar have been a great disadvantage to the Company, and the fact that the sugar has been further augmented by the keen competition to which the sale of the Company's products has been subjected in our local and neighbouring markets. The Dividend paid on 4th August, 1894, amounted to \$36,000.00. The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account now stands at 13,274.03 which sum the General Agents and Consulting Committee have recommended to be carried forward to next year. It is observed that a provision of \$12,000.38 has been made to meet an expected deficit on the cost of outstanding shipments. The low prices that have ruled in the market for sugar have been a great disadvantage to the Company, and the fact that the sugar has been further augmented by the keen competition to which the sale of the Company's products has been subjected in our local and neighbouring markets.

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JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1895.

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following report will be presented by the Directors at the ordinary meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at 4 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 16th March, 1895—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association, the Directors have the honor to submit to you their Half-yearly Report with Statement of Accounts for the six months ending 31st December, 1894.

*Hotel Building.* The works on the Hotel and alterations, so far as the Hotel portion is concerned, are now completed and full progress is being made in the erection of the new Wing.

*Business.*—Business in all its branches is steadily increasing, and as the present paucity of Bedrooms has to a large extent prevented the development of that source of income, the Directors feel quite satisfied, once the new Wing and Shops are finished, that the result will be as favourable as they anticipated.

*Profit and Loss.*—The accounts for the half-year under notice, after deducting Fire Insurance, Taxes, and all charges, show a net profit of \$6,057.43, to which has to be added \$3,103.09, the balance carried over from last account, making available \$9,160.52, of which amount the Directors, with the concurrence of the Shareholders, propose to distribute a dividend at the rate of 6 per cent, per annum, viz., \$3 per share on the old and \$1.50 per share on the new shares; thus absorbing the sum of \$7,500, and to carry the surplus of \$1,660.52 over to new account.

*Directors.*—Mr. W. Parfitt and Mr. A. du Ransau are retiring by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

*Auditors.*—The accounts have been audited by Messrs J. H. Cox and A. E. Vaucher, the latter having been appointed in place of Mr. Wm. de St. Croix, who has left the Colony. Messrs J. H. Cox and A. E. Vaucher offer themselves for re-election.

W. K. HIGGINS, Chairman.

#### SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. J. Russell, P. J. Judge.)

Friday, March 13.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., IL. S. DUFFELL, \$122.90.

Mr. Bowles (for the office of Messrs Waring and Deacon) appeared for the plaintiff.

When the case was called, the Judge's clerk (Mr. Holworthy) stated that defendant, who was not present, had admitted the debt. His Lordship said that was not sufficient; defendant must appear himself and admit it. Defendant then sent for, and he admitted the debt. Judgment, with costs.

LAY LEE Y. ALMA TALMER, \$12.

Plaintiff claimed wages for working to defendant as chair carrier. Defendant said her house (in Beaufield Road) had been broken into during her absence at Macao. She had reason to believe plaintiff was concerned in the matter, and she therefore dismissed him. It was true that plaintiff had been charged at the Police Court, and discharged, but he had no evidence to bring against him. She had told the Police this, but they said it was too late now.

The Judge said defendant had surely made some mistake, as the Police could not refuse to hear the case. He would adjourn this case until next Friday to give defendant an opportunity of again charging the plaintiff at the Police Court.

LI LEE Y. ALMA TALMER, \$36.85.

Plaintiff is a tailor, and claimed the above for goods (dresses, etc.) supplied to defendant. Defendant admitted she ordered and received the goods, but denied her liability for payment. Plaintiff, she said, introduced when she got the goods, that a Mr. Graydon (who was now at Canton) was to pay for them; and he had actually received a cheque from Mr. Graydon for part of what she had received. Plaintiff denied he had ever had any dealings in the transactions with any body but the defendant, to whom he alone gave credit.

His Lordship said he believed plaintiff gave credit to the defendant, and he therefore entered judgment in his favour with costs.

#### Police Intelligence.

(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)

Friday, March 13.

IN-FR. LOTTERIES.

Wong Ayan, of No. 341 Wing Street, U. A. Y. living at 35 Nathan Street, and Yip Chai, of No. 6 King Sing Street, appeared on summonses taken out by Inspector Swanton, charging them with keeping agencies for dealing in In-Fr. lotteries, tickets, and the like.

All three cases were proved, and defendant was fined \$5 each, with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

#### ALLEGED LARCENY OF SILVER.

Sun Ahn, a coolie, and Cheung Ahn, accountant, were charged with stealing five hundred taels, value \$70, the property of Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. on the 12th inst.

Mr. H. L. Denry appeared on behalf of the second defendant.

Mr. C. Castro, goldsmith, who was the employer of Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., deposed that on the 11th inst. a report was made to him of the loss of some silver. A search was made, and on the 12th, at 6.30 p.m., witness went to the Central Market, where he saw the first defendant put a bottle into a basket. The two defendants and two other men were carrying the basket, and the basket was followed by the men to Circular Quay and across the second defendant. There were eleven bottles of brandy in the basket carried by the first defendant. The two men who were carrying the case put it down in the street.

Witness could not identify the brandy, but it was three-star similar to that put by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co. First defendant had at one time been in the employ of Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Mr. Shar, goldsmith, deposed that the employ of Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., stated that on the 11th inst. he went to Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co., with some silver, to get 50 cases of brandy. The cases were carried by two men. The coolies were told to take them to the goldsmith, whether witness was himself. The cases only brought 45 cases to the goldsmith and reported five cases missing. Witness completed the goldsmith's order, and also followed the defendants and two other men to Circular Quay.

First defendant stated that the second defendant was going to carry the basket, and he did not know what it contained.

Mr. Denry, on behalf of the second defendant, stated that the brandy had not been identified.

The case was remanded until Monday next, bail being allowed to second defendant in two sureties of \$50 each or one of \$100.

#### Chinking.

4th March, 1895.

In consequence of the prohibition of the export of Rice, business here is very dull. Large quantities of Wheat and Rice which have been shipped by the river steamers have been all landed again from the steamer hulks.

During the past week upwards of 1,500 native boats have passed through with Rice for Soochow.

News has been received here to-day that the Lightkeeper dwelling at Cooper Island was attacked by a band of Chinese on the 2nd inst., and that the first and second lightkeepers were brutally murdered and the place plundered. The miscreants, up to date, are at large. —*Shanghai Courier.*

#### Affairs at Keelung.

Under date of 27th February, the *Amoy Gazette* received from a gentleman on board the French vessel *La Galissoniere* the following items of news—

Admiral Courbet, with several war vessels, had left this for an unknown destination and Admiral Leepes is now provisionally in command; it is presumed that Admiral Courbet will not return before the end of three weeks.

We are waiting for good weather to clear the Chinese who are before our troops, and we shall succeed without the least doubt; we are also expecting mules for the purpose of transporting provisions, &c. for the troops who will form a column in the interior, with some 2,000 men who are shortly expected as reinforcements. Without mules we cannot advance because the river is not navigable for a good distance from Tamsui and besides we would require boats; but with mules we will avoid all these.

#### THE CANTON INDEMNITY.

The *Shanghai Mercury* writes that a telegram has been received at Shanghai stating that the Canton Indemnity has been repaid by the United States to China. A very grateful beginning by the new regime.

#### PERSECUTION OF FOREIGNERS IN THE INTERIOR.

Recent intelligence has been received from the provinces of Yunnan and Kweichow for the destruction of all Roman Catholic converts; the order was said to include all foreigners. According to information received several Roman Catholic villages were destroyed and some hundreds of converts killed; two foreign Priests were also missing. This horrible news appears to find corroboration in the fact that the Tachai of Shanghai on the 14th inst. informed the various Consuls there that he was in receipt of a notification from the Viceroy of Nanking, who asked him to bring to the notice of all foreign residents in Shanghai the fact that in consequence of some serious disturbances which had lately taken place in the provinces of Kweichow between natives and foreigners, missionaries or other Europeans, who intended to visit the provinces in question, should refrain from doing so for the present. It is now feared that the decree issued by Chi-en-kong-pao has been carried into effect, but to what extent it remains to be disclosed.

#### THE YUN-NAN ARMY DEFEATED IN KONGKING.

The following telegram was received in Shanghai on the 8th inst.—

Tuyen-quang, 3rd March. —Returning from Longson, I reached with a brigade of Tuyen-quang, which had been besieged since the 20th January by the Yunnan army and the Black Flags under Liu Jung-fu. We met the enemy on the River Chien, and the 2nd March the Chinese were completely routed on the morning of the 3rd. Siege raised the night before. The losses of the enemy, both at Tuyen-quang, which they attacked with fury, and the defile of the River Chien yesterday and to-day were considerable.

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March 7th.—The movements of the fleets are unchanged.

(From Chinese sources.)

March 4th.—Engagements took place between the Chinese and French on the 1st and 3rd inst. The Chinese got the best of it. Seven shells were fired from the Chinese ships at the forts, and two French men-of-war were struck.—*N. C. M. J.*

#### THE TIENTSIN TRADE.

The Courier understands that the shippers to the North have been in considerable doubt as to the probability success of their voyage, and the return of them, especially of the chief steamship men, and the managers of the three great steamer lines, has been held, at which it was decided to make the freight on goods up this season 7. The 7th and 8th inst. were taken down to 5 per cent. 1,000 value these rates to cover all risks of whatever kind, and of consequences of any hostilities, and of loose torpedoes in the Peiho included.

The first batch of steamers left on the morning of the 6th inst., and were all searched by French gunboats, and at the mouth of the North Channel, at the 7th inst. were the *Indo-China*, *Co. Kowshing*, and *Shanghai*, Messrs Russell's *Lucan* and *Yang Shun*, and Messrs Butterfield and Swire's *Wuchang* and *Chung King*. The Courier understands that orders had been given to the Captains not to race this year.

#### NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

THE TIENTSIN TRADE.

London, Feb. 13.—General Barle's column has gained an important victory over the Chinese. General Barle found the Arabs occupying a strong position among the rocks at Kerbekan, and it was at once decided to make an attempt to capture it.

On Tuesday General Barle's force surrounded the Arab camp, and commenced an attack. The Black Watch, who fought with conspicuous gallantry, stormed the rocks, and soon made an impression on the enemy. The Staffedshire Regiment, who also displayed great bravery, stormed the high hills on which the Arabs had assembled. The Arabs offered an obstinate resistance, and it was not until after five hours' severe fighting that they were dislodged and defeated.

The cavalry captured their camp. There was a great slaughter of Arabs. Their leader and several Emirs were killed. A few Arabs escaped by swimming the river.

General Barle was killed while leading the attack in the early part of the battle, when Colonel Brackenbury took command. The British loss is slight.

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#### REPORTED RECAPTURE OF RHAMO.

The Burmese at Mandalay say that Rhamo has been recaptured from the Chinese. Chinwin, one of the rebel leaders, has accepted an amnesty. Four of them are still at large.

#### MANDALAY MURDER.

Rangoon, Feb. 16.—The local papers publish a telegram from Mandalay announcing fresh murders in the palace. A youth, the son of the Thongmai Prince, together with all his followers, was killed last week.

The reported recapture of Rhamo by the Burmese is confirmed.

#### DIAMONDS IN THE HANDS OF THE CHINESE.

Rangoon, Feb. 16.—Father Odono, Roman Catholic priest living on the opposite bank to Rhamo, reports that the Chinese in possession of the town are using up missionaries' libraries in the manufacture of gun wads.

#### INDIAN FRONTIER NEWS.

The frontier correspondent of the Lahore paper writes that Russian agents continue to come and go freely to and from Kabul, and are treated with honour and consideration. Two of the most important of these agents are supposed to be Faozhin and Kurinski. The general feeling in Afghanistan is one of apprehension of impending trouble and fighting. Traders have received commissions for the purchase of firearms and percussion caps in India.

#### THE GURAT FORCE, ARRIVAL OF SIR REDVERS BULLER.

Korfi, Feb. 16.—News has been received from Sir Redvers Buller that he and the 18th Regiment arrived at Gubat on the 11th inst., and that he expected to make an attack on Meherah on the 16th inst.

It has transpired that a large number of the garrison at Berber were advancing to reinforce the garrison at Meherah, but that on hearing of the victory of our troops at Gubat, they hastily returned to Berber.

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Tailor, Central District.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1885.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

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Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

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Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From the Gas Works to the P. and O. Co.'s Factory.  
3. From P. and O. Co.'s Factory to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.  
6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tonn.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Amigo	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	770 Mar.	12 A. R. Marty	Swatow	To-day
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	396 Mar.	12 A. R. Marty	Swatow	To-day
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	4365 Mar.	7 O. & S. S. Co.	Calcutta, &c.	18th inst.
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1392 Mar.	6 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1483 Mar.	12 G. B. Livingston & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1397 Mar.	8 G. B. Livingston & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1049 Mar.	12 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1095 Mar.	12 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	648 Mar.	11 Melchers & Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	952 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	152 Oct.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1153 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	117 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	609 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1385 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1069 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1267 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	865 Jan.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	905 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	761 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	2036 Feb.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	498 Feb.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	48 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	138 Jan.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1406 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1295 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1863 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	792 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1015 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	873 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	805 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	116 Dec.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	1109 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu
Amico	2 h. Thosco	Ger. str.	671 Mar.	13 Douglas Steamship Co.	Saigon	Katchinotzu

Section.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.  
6. From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

Alden Bessé	3	h	O'Farrell	Amer.	bq.	212	Dec.	9	Melchers & Co.	Victoria, B.C.
Alexander McNeil	8	h	David	Amer.	bq.	1682	Dec.	20	Melchers & Co.	
Almatia	7	h	Laybourn	Eng.	bq.	257	Mar.	2	Long, Crawford & Co.	
Anna Siedin	4	h	Faulen	Ger.	bq.	604	Feb.	28	Wielcr & Co.	
Anton Gunther	4	h	Steinbruggé	Ger.	bq.	441	Mar.	4	Melchers & Co.	
Archies	4	h	Barker	Brit.	bq.	469	Mar.	3	Burneo & Co., Limited.	
Centaur	5	c	O'Farrell	Ger.	bq.	468	Dec.	29	Wielcr & Co.	Honolulu
Chandemorg	8	c	Parker	Brit.	bq.	700	Jan.	30	Order	
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Friedrich	8	h	Spiecen	Ger.	bq.	596	Jan.	17	Siemssen & Co.	Ar/dee
Goodell	8	c	Hagan	Amer.	bq.	840	Jan.	4	Adams, Bell & Co.	
Granite State	8	c	Fitzc	Amer.	sh.	1024	Feb.	15	Melchers & Co.	
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John C. Smith	3	c	Prass	Am	bq.	428	Jan.	18	Order	
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Nicolas Thayer	4	c	Gould	Amer.	bq.	556	Dec.	20	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	New York
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Oueda	7	c	McGilveray	Amer.	sh.	1074	Feb.	9	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
Republic	3	c	Holmes	Amer.	sh.	1293	Mar.	3	Russell & Co.	
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Sofio	3	c	Lerton	Span.	bq.	828	Mar.	9	Lana, Crawford & Co.	Victoria, B.C.
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